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Title: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ADHERING AND RELEASING
ITEMS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Election Requirement dated May 5, 2004 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the May 5, 2004 Office Action was due June 5, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a 2-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due August 5, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1, 3, 5, 8 and 12-16 drawn to Embodiment 1 represented by Figures 1A – 1C.

Claim 2 drawn to Embodiment 3 represented by Figures 3A – 3B, is withdrawn at this time.

Claims 4 and 6 drawn to Embodiment 4 represented by Figures 4A – 4B, are withdrawn at this time.

Claim 7 drawn to Embodiment 2 represented by Figures 2A – 2B, is withdrawn at this time.

Claim 9 drawn to Embodiment 5 represented by Figures 5A – 5C, is withdrawn at this time.

In the Office action, the Examiner stated that currently, there are no generic claims. Applicants respectfully disagree with the statement, insofar as at least claim 1 covers all disclosed embodiments; accordingly, at least claim 1 is generic, and if allowed, should permit allowance of claims depending therefrom directed to non-elected species. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the statement, and declare at least claim 1 generic.

Applicants reserve all rights in these non-elected claims, claims 2, 4, 6-7 and 9, to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

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